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### ORATORY, EATS, MUSIC, DANCING, ALL FEATURE ARMORY DEDICATION

All Flagstaff turned out Friday afternoon, to the dedication of Battery "A" armory. The crowd was larger than any assembled in Flagstaff in years, with the exception of the wild west celebration last summer. But there were not as many Flagstaff people at that as at the dedication. Heads were counted by several, who agree that there were nearly 1,500 people in the massive building.

The day was ideal, the program impressive, the audience appreciative and very attentive.

The Winslow high school band played several selections. Then the guardsmen were formed in double rank, at attention, under command of Second Lieutenants Earl B. Rakestraw and Lacey A. Eastburn. State Adjutant-general Colonel Walter S. Ingalls, Captain E. S. Linton, instructor-inspector for the state, and First Lieutenant Clarence T. Palliam, entered the building, the two first named taking places at the top of one of the stairways, which was used as a rostrum.

The Normal school glee club, directed by Miss Margaret Walsh, of the faculty, sang in their usual charming manner, after which County Attorney Frank M. Gold, master of ceremonies on the rostrum, introduced C. B. Wilson, who had been requested by Governor Thos. E. Campbell, who was unavoidably detained in Phoenix, to represent him. Mr. Wilson's address was a masterly tribute to the energy and patriotism and public spirit of the citizens of Flagstaff who had co-operated so splendidly in the organization of the battery and building of the armory; the members of the battery, and especially to Captain E. M. Robison, to whose vision the inception of the enterprise and to whose unflinching zeal the success of it was chiefly due. He voiced the regret of the assemblage that neither Captain Robison nor the governor could be present.

He concluded with an eloquent call for consistent patriotism, for loyalty and devotion to the starry banner, the honor of which has been upheld at the cost of so many lives.

Adjutant Ingalls was introduced and made a very short address, enthusiastic and to the point. He eulogized the public spirit of our people, as exemplified in the formation of the battery and the building of the armory, the first, he believed in a town of this size in the United States. He said we had set a mark for other cities—a mark too high for some much larger than this—illustrating by comparing Flagstaff with Phoenix, where the cavalry troop had to be changed to infantry because that city could not be induced to do its part in securing the proper quarters. He said he believes that Battery "A" is destined to become the crack artillery organization of the United States.

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### GRAND CHANCELLOR VISITS PYTHIANS

Members of the local Knights of Pythias lodge were out in force Wednesday evening to greet Grand Chancellor J. A. Gilbert, of Phoenix, who made them an official visit. Grand Chancellor Gilbert viewed the work of the lodge in the third rank, when Chas. Phillips and Fred Thompson became full-fledged Knights. He complimented the team work of the lodge very highly and was pleased with the continued growth the lodge is making.

The Pythian Sisters, as usual, were present with a delightful spread for the Knights and their guests at the close of the lodge work proper. Grand Chancellor Gilbert made an enthusiastic address giving the members some very interesting facts concerning the order at large and declared only the best deserved the honors conferred by all lodges of Knights of Pythias. He secured a number of enthusiastic members to assist him in re-organizing the lodge at Williams tomorrow evening. Through his efforts the lodge will be reorganized with over forty members, old and new.

At a recent meeting of the lodge F. S. Breen was presented with a very nifty veteran's jewel, which token was presented because of his having been a member of the order for twenty-five years; while he has been a member for over thirty years, jewels are presented in twenty-five and fifty year periods. The token is very highly appreciated by the recipient.

### KARTCHNER TRANSFERRED TO FOREST IN NEW MEXICO

K. C. Kartchner, who had been deputy forest supervisor here since the spring of 1919, when he came here from the Sitgreaves National forest office at Snowflake, left on Saturday for Alamogordo, N. M., where he has been transferred to be deputy supervisor of the Lincoln National forest.

Mr. Kartchner's transfer came without much warning to his friends here, of whom both he and Mrs. Kartchner have many; and their best wishes follow them to their new home.

Mrs. Kartchner and the children went with Mr. Kartchner as far as Holbrook, going from there to Snowflake, to visit with relatives until the husband and father finds a home for them.

Deputy Supervisor John A. Adams, one of the old reliable at the local office, has taken over Mr. Kartchner's work here.

## NASH CONFESSES TO SUN MAN AND SHERIFF THAT HE IS MURDERER

### MILLAN AND CLARK ROBBERS UNDER ARREST

With the capture of three men the latter part of last week and a said on the cache of one of them, some of the burglaries that were perplexing the officers were solved, and probably there will be fewer of them for some time to come.

Last October someone broke into the side door at C. A. Clark & Co.'s clothing store, stealing three suits of boys' clothing.

Friday, at the armory dedication, J. D. Jackson moved around among the many youngsters present, quietly examining the inside of their coat collars, looking for the brand of the stolen clothing. He found a boy wearing one of the coats, called Charlie Clark, who was present, and the latter identified the coat.

That same afternoon, while Mrs. Katherine McMillan, proprietor of the rooming house at Leroux street and Railroad avenue, was attending the dedication ceremonies, someone entered her building and stole her fur coat, diamond brooch, pearl necklace, watch and chain and silk dress.

Before Mrs. McMillan reported her loss, Marshal R. L. Neill had arrested Luis Chavez for stealing the suits from the Clark store and also had arrested Jose Martinez, alias Pete Chavez, on suspicion. A search of the

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### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HERE FEB. 17TH AND 18TH

A basketball tournament which will include all the basketball teams of the high schools of northern Arizona, has been arranged to take place at the Normal school on February 17th and 18th. All northern Arizona high school teams, both boys and girls, have been invited to take part in this tournament, the winning teams to go to Tucson, where the state championship games will be played on February 25th and 26th.

Two beautiful cups have been offered for the winning teams in the tournament here. The one for the winning team of girls will be presented by M. I. Powers and the one for the boys' team by T. E. Pollock, and the winners will be accorded the title of champion of northern Arizona.

The semi-finals will be played at the Ashurst auditorium on Friday evening, and the finals on Saturday evening, in order to give the people of Flagstaff an opportunity to witness the games.

All the high schools of northern Arizona have joined the association and it is expected that all high schools will be represented by a team to try for the honors. A great deal of enthusiasm has been created by the scheduling of these games and there is much good hard work going on by teams in practice for the coming big events.

### MOVING PICTURE COMPANY AT WORK

Alice Lake, with 23 members of her moving picture company, arrived in town on Saturday, to use Lake Mary as the principal place for photo material for a new Alaska film thriller. There are only two women in the company.

The party took the F. L. & M. railroad to Lake Mary on Sunday, didn't like the place as much as they had anticipated, so journeyed on down to Mormon Lake, where they found everything entirely to their liking. Some of the scenes may be photographed at Lake Mary, but it is likely that most of the work will be done at Mormon Lake. They plan being here for about two weeks. They are staying at the Commercial and taking their meals at Kelemen's.

### NO APPROPRIATION FOR FORT VALLEY STATION

C. B. Wilson yesterday afternoon received the following telegram which is self-explanatory:

"Agricultural appropriation bill goes to senate within three days from house without increase for Fort Valley experiment station. Urge strong wires to Senator Ashurst and also Senator A. J. Gronna, chairman committee on agriculture and forestry from all interested persons and agencies as last opportunity to get favorable action this session on southwest forest experiment station."

"P. S. RISDALE."

### ANSPACH-LYNCH

Mrs. Winifred Lynch and Charles O. Anspach were married Saturday night by Justice of the Peace Robert J. Kidd. The witnesses were Mrs. Ida Tillman and Robert Tillman.

Both are well known here and have loads of friends. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Anspach, of this city, and the bride has for years conducted a very successful ranch east of town.

Harry H. Nash on Tuesday afternoon confessed to a representative of The Sun and Sheriff W. A. Campbell and J. M. Showalter, the latter special officer of the Santa Fe, that he shot Martin F. Schwab to death on April 15, last. His confession was written out by The Sun man, and Nash signed and swore to it.

The representative of The Sun had a talk with Nash Monday morning, a few hours after his arrival here in irons from Los Angeles. Nash absolutely denied all knowledge of the crime. But his answers to the many questions asked him only served to satisfy his interlocutor that he was guilty.

The Sun man went to Sheriff Campbell Tuesday afternoon and told him in his opinion Nash could be induced to confess. County Attorney F. M. Gold was consulted. He agreed that it might be a good thing to try it. He told the sheriff and The Sun man to go to it. They invited Mr. Showalter, who happened to be in town and at the jail, to join them.

The three entered Harry Nash's cell. Followed more than two hours of questioning, argument and persuasion, by agreement The Sun man doing most of the talking. Nash by degrees changed from resentfulness to respectful attention and then to indecision. Finally he said:

"Well, I'll just tell you fellows how it happened."

Here is his signed and sworn confession:

"I, Harry Nash, rode to Walnut Canyon with a man, registering my name, Harry Nash, there. The next day I wanted to go to Winslow. This man had said he was going to Winslow, and that I could go with him. He said if some more would go, it would be two and a half or three dollars—I can't remember just how much he said—for each man. The man I wanted to go to Winslow to see was here the day before and said if I would come there he might give me work."

"We were out about 25 or 30 miles when I asked him how much this trip was going to cost me. He said \$20. I said 'I can't pay that.' He then said he would make it \$15. I said I couldn't pay that much. He said, 'By God, you'll get out and walk then.'"

"He looked at me funny, like he had been drinking. Then he stopped the car and started to fix something under the radiator. We kept arguing. I thought I'd hold him there until someone else came along. I had a bum foot and couldn't walk so far. So I

began letting the air out of the tires. He had a gun in his hand, and threatened to shoot me."

"He told me I wouldn't be the first man he had shot, either. He had a 32 Colt automatic. I didn't usually carry a gun, but had one on that day, and pulled mine and shot first. Then he shot, not touching me. My shot hit him in the body. His shot went over me. I shot him again. I then put the body into the car and drove back to Flagstaff, intending to give myself up. But then I decided not to. I left the car standing across from the Gleason rooming house—across the street—that night. The body was in the car, the curtains up. Just after my wife went to work, in the morning, I drove out with the body and put it in an old well, near the road, covering it up with dirt, using a short shovel on the car. (The shovel was fastened to the car.)"

"I never knew what the man's name was. Didn't know his name until after I was arrested, except there was a little book left in the car that had the name Martin Schwab in it."

"I never looked through his things; didn't want to. I never told my wife about it. The watch (Schwab's) dropped into the car while his body was in it. I used the watch to help redeem my saddle. I kept the revolver (Schwab's), selling it later. I have been pretty wild, but was never in anything like this before. I had good christian parents who told me what was right."

"Something told me last night to confess, that it would be best."

"I am making this statement of my own free will, without promises of any kind being made to me."

(Signed) "HARRY H. NASH."

Witnessed by—  
Wm. A. Campbell,  
J. M. Showalter,  
Del Strong.

Dated, County Jail, Flagstaff, 5 p. m., January 25, 1921.  
State of Arizona, ss.  
County of Coconino, ss.  
Subscribed and sworn to before

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### MINNIE KISSED MORSE GOOD-BYE

W. H. Morse, former Flagstaff painter, became a resident of the county jail on Tuesday afternoon, having come along from St. Louis, where he was arrested the week before. County Ranger S. O. Thompson went to St. Louis after him and brought him back.

Morse said he was mighty glad to get back here. He says he will have very little trouble in getting free, seeming to think the bad checks he is reported to have circulated here, will not rise up to mock him beyond his power to bear.

Minnie Lanahan was living at the same house with Morse in St. Louis. She said Lanahan is in Mexico. It is reported that she squealed on Morse because the latter had beaten her up, or threatened to, or something like that. Anyhow, she must have gotten over her mad, because she asked Thompson's permission to kiss Morse goodbye. Thompson is just as kind hearted as he is cool and nervy. So, of course, Morse got the kiss.

Morse says he will waive preliminary hearing.

When Morse got off the train here, there was a crowd at the station. He asked not to be taken down the platform through the crowd, so was taken up a back street.

### SENATOR CAMERON AND PARTY VISIT CANYON

Senator-elect Ralph H. Cameron, accompanied by a party of prominent eastern financiers in their private car "Republic," passed through Flagstaff Tuesday morning early on No. 22 on their way to Grand Canyon.

While no definite information was given as to the purpose of the trip, it is understood that the visitors are interested in the gigantic hydroelectric project that has excited so much interest all over the coast as well as in the east.

It is evident that Senator Cameron is not letting the grass grow under his feet in getting the facts and figures before people who are in a position to push the project along. It is expected that some tangible results will come through his efforts within a short time. In the meantime the hearty support of the people of the state will be required to back up Senator Cameron's efforts in behalf of Arizona.

With the senator were: Howard D. Mannington, of Marion, Ohio, the man who was offered, but refused, the portfolio of secretary of state under President-elect Harding, but who will be the president's principal unofficial advisor; Wm. B. Woodbury, of New York, general manager of the New York and New Jersey department of the Bell Telephone Co.; George F. Shurtleff, New York capitalist broker, who is the father of Mrs. J. J. Waldhaus, of this city; George Henry Stetson, the Philadelphia millionaire hat manufacturer; Melville Gillette, the safety razor manufacturer, who is slated to be ambassador to Mexico; Joseph W. Wittman, the multi-millionaire owner of Walnut Grove estate at Prescott; Nicholas Cimeno, New York capitalist, and Eugene DeSaba, originator of the Pacific Electric Co., of California and owner of big northern Arizona mining property.

All of the party were just as enthusiastic over the prospects for wonderful development of northern Arizona as Senator Cameron himself.

Chairman Fred Garing and Member Wm. A. Campbell and Clerk Dan W. Francis, of the board of supervisors; B. A. Cameron, brother of the senator, and Henry Cooper, all of Flagstaff, were with the Cameron party during their stay at the Canyon and rode with them in their private car to Prescott, where Mr. Wittman is making preparations to rebuild his big irrigation dam, which broke several years ago. Messrs B. A. Cameron and Cooper remained with the senator's party, accompanying it to Phoenix and then to Old Mexico, the other Flagstaff men, except Mr. Campbell, returning from Prescott. Mr. Campbell going to Phoenix to see Henry Lockett, who is very ill.

Mr. Garing seized the opportunity to explain to the party how this country, in which the U. S. government owns nearly 80 per cent of the land, is expected to keep up all the roads, even to pay half the expense of building the new bridge across the Colorado, in spite of the fact that both ends of the bridge will be on government property. They heartily agreed with him that this was manifestly unfair to the country.

The good roads program for this section of the country is another of the big things which will need the enthusiastic help of the citizens to put over, for it is one of the first essentials to the big main scheme of developing this section of the country into an empire the richness of which will help hold the balancing power of the east and west.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT TO REORGANIZE

Nearly fifty Flagstaff business men were at the meeting of the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce on Friday night, following the concerted drive for membership, during which 150 paid-up members at \$5 apiece were secured, the prospects being good for soon bringing the number up to two hundred.

C. B. Wilson presided, Alex. Johnston, secretary, performing the duties of that office.

Mr. Wilson explained that the chamber had been inactive during the last year, partly because it was felt that the Boosters' club was carrying on the work to some extent, partly because of the policy adopted last year, a policy that evidently had not worked out successfully, of dispensing with regular meetings of the chamber, leaving the work to be done by an executive committee.

The question of reorganization and election of officers came up. T. A. Stahl suggested that it would be better to defer election until a nominating committee had canvassed the situation and picked out officers who would pledge themselves to give a vigorous administration. Dr. M. G. Fronske endorsed the idea and asked whether it would not also be well to have a committee to revise the by-laws in conformity with reorganization. R. G. Stevenson endorsed the views of both preceding speakers, suggesting that the one committee be charged with nomination and revision.

John B. Gunter moved that the nominating and revision committee be appointed by the chairman. Seconded by Rev. Luther Moore. W. H. Switzer moved that the committee be instructed to report back to a general meeting of the chamber, to be held at the courthouse Friday night, February 4. Seconded by Ed Babbitt. Mr. Wilson said he would appoint a committee of seven, and announce their names later. Dr. Fronske asked whether after the committee reported nominations other than the ones recommended would be in order, and was assured other nominations might be made.

The chamber voted to ask for continuation of the government's past policy of meeting local road building appropriations with federal aid. On F. M. Gold's motion, endorsement was voted of the attempt being made by the Mesa Commercial club to secure legislation during this term of the legislature to strengthen the laws dealing with writing checks when there are not sufficient funds in the banks on which they are written to cover.

A request from the Reno Chamber of Commerce that this chamber use its influence in securing an embargo by congress on wool importations was acted upon favorably upon motion of H. B. Fay.

C. B. Wilson later announced the revision and nominating committee, as follows: T. A. Stahl, chairman; R. G. Stevenson, E. G. Miller, W. H. Switzer, Joe P. Wilson, Ed Babbitt, A. A. Johnston, Dr. M. G. Fronske, P. H. Nelson, I. B. Koch, J. C. Dolan, Geo. T. Herrington.

### LOCAL GROWERS ADVISED WOOL SITUATION BETTER

Letters to M. I. Powers, of the Citizens bank, and Babbitt Bros., written by Salter Bros., the Boston wool brokers, the latter part of last week, indicate considerable improvement in the wool market. The letters say that Salter Bros. were offered 30 cents for a half million pounds of good Arizona wool about three weeks ago. A week later another mill offered 32 cents. The buyer of another mill was in last week and made a memorandum of a large quantity of Arizona wool at an estimated price of 35 cents. He was getting his bearings, his mill, which had been closed for months, being ready to re-open. Salter Bros. say that they feel once they have sold a block it will ease up the situation considerably and there will be money to loan on the new clip. They asked authority to sell at 35 cents, saying they want to be prepared in case of a sudden spurt.

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES ORGANIZE

The new board of trustees for the city library, appointed by the city council, met on Saturday afternoon and organized. Professor O. H. Richardson was elected chairman and Mrs. T. A. Stahl, secretary. The administration and finance committee is composed of Mrs. Bertha Kennedy, chairman; Mrs. T. A. Stahl and E. C. Slipper. The committee on operation is Mrs. Frank Noble, chairman; Mrs. V. M. Slipper and Mrs. C. T. Woolfolk.

### BATTERY "A" INSPECTION

Colonel Boniface, charge d'affaires of the national guard for Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, will be in Flagstaff on February 8, for official inspection of Battery "A". He has scheduled inspection for three o'clock in the afternoon, but it is hoped will change the hour, as the members work for their living, and very few of them can turn out at such an hour. An effort is being made to have the inspection at night.

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